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NPIC/PEG (12/82)Copy 64**MODIFIED BEAR F VARIANT 3
ALEKSEYEVKA AIRFIELD, USSR**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: MODIFICATIONS TO THE BEAR F VARIANT 3 SUGGEST AN UPGRADE IN ITS ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE (ASW) CAPABILITIES.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: ONE MODIFIED BEAR F VARIANT 3 IS AT ALEKSEYEVKA AIRFIELD. MODIFICATION TO THE AIRCRAFT, HERE SINCE [REDACTED] CONSISTS OF AN AFT-EXTENDING POD ATOP THE VERTICAL STABILIZER SIMILAR TO THAT ON THE BEAR F VARIANT 6. THE MODIFICATION OF THE BEAR F VARIANT 3 PROBABLY OCCURRED AT NIKOLAYEV/KULBAKINO AIRFIELD [REDACTED] THE PRIMARY TRAINING AND REPAIR FACILITY FOR SOVIET NAVAL AVIATION. THE AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED IN THE ASSOCIATED REPAIR DEPOT BETWEEN [REDACTED] THIS ACTIVITY MAY INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO UPGRADE THE ASW CAPABILITIES OF THE BEAR F VARIANT 3 TO THE STANDARDS OF THE MORE SOPHISTICATED BEAR F VARIANT 6.

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(SWN) ALEKSEYEVKA AIRFIELD, APPROXIMATELY 16 NM NORTH OF SOVETSKAYA GAVAN, SUPPORTS ELEMENTS OF TWO BACKFIRE AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE (ASM) REGIMENTS, TWO BADGER ASM REGIMENTS, AND ONE BEAR F ASW REGIMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE PACIFIC FLEET AIR FORCE.

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 49-14-08N 140-11-37E

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